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**OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY**

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on the faxed amendment filed July 21, 1997
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire THREE month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Disposition of Claims**

- ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 32 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) 17, 21 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 30-32 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 8-16, 18-20, 22-25, and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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**DETAILED ACTION*****Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “dividing said frame period into a plurality of LOAD periods and a plurality of ILLUMINATE periods, where each LOAD period is followed by an ILLUMINATE period”;) and the storing means for “storing, during each of said LOAD periods, said data line signal within said circuit” as recited in claim 8 must be shown. In claim 9, “said gray scale control signal has a magnitude that is less than said stored data signal” must be shown. In claim 10, “a linear ramp waveform over the plurality of ILLUMINATION periods within one frame period” must be shown. In claim 11, “a stepped waveform over the plurality of ILLUMINATION periods within one frame period, where each step in the waveform corresponds to one ILLUMINATION period” must be shown. In claim 12, “a digital signal containing a plurality of bits where each bit is applied to said circuit during a plurality of consecutive LOAD periods” must be shown. In claim 14, “dividing said frame period into a plurality of LOAD periods and a plurality of ILLUMINATE periods, where each LOAD period is followed by an ILLUMINATE period” must be shown; and “during each of said LOAD periods ... data signal is stored; and during each of said ILLUMINATE periods, ... electroluminescent cell” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. Claims 8-16, 18-20, 25, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

In ~~claim 8, the "dividing said frame period into a plurality of LOAD periods and a plurality of ILLUMINATE periods, where each LOAD period is followed by an ILLUMINATE period"~~; and the storing means for "storing, during each of said LOAD periods, said data line signal within said circuit" was not supported in the specification or the drawings in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

In claim 9, "said gray scale control signal has a magnitude that is less than said stored data signal"; in claim 10, "a linear ramp waveform over the plurality of ILLUMINATION periods within one frame period"; in claim 11, "a stepped waveform over the plurality of ILLUMINATION periods within one frame period, where each step in the waveform corresponds to one ILLUMINATION period"; in claim 12, "a digital signal containing a plurality of bits where each bit is applied to said circuit during a plurality of consecutive LOAD periods"; and in claims 14 and 20, "dividing said frame period into a plurality of LOAD periods and a plurality of ILLUMINATE periods, where each LOAD period is followed by an ILLUMINATE period"; and "during each of said LOAD periods ... data signal si stored; and during each of said

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ILLUMINATE periods,... electroluminescent cell” were not supported in the specification or the drawings in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Dependent claims are considered rejected for incorporating the defects from their respective parent claim by dependency.

3. Claims 22-24 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claims 22-24 are depending on a canceled claim 21.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-7 and 30-32 are allowed.

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests the claimed invention as illustrated in figures 2-3 of the present invention.

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Matthew Luu at telephone number (703) 305-4850.

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October 17, 1997

  
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